

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on February 16, 2007 at 3:23 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Susan Fox, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 525, 2/2/2007; HB 479, 2/6/2007;
HB 404, 1/31/2007
Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 479

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:09 Rep. Holly Raser (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on
HB 479, Improve access to healthy school meals.

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:50 Marie Holverson, Montana Dietetic Association

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a04\)](#)

00:10:16 Linda Gryczan, Grow Montana

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a05\)](#)

00:11:32 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Alternative Energy Resources
Organization (AERO)

00:13:19 Minkie Medora, Montana Food Bank Network

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a06\)](#)

00:18:30 Linda Stoll, Local Public Health Officers

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a07\)](#)

00:19:16 Katie Bark, Montana School Nutrition Association

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a09\)](#)

00:22:58 Cindy Giese, Lewistown Public Schools

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a10\)](#)

00:26:47 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

00:29:08 Carol Bellin, parent

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a11\)](#)

00:34:25 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a12\)](#)

00:39:11 Susan Kidd, Working for Equality and Economic
Liberation (WEEL)

00:39:56 Annie Glover, MEA-MFT

00:40:24 Mary Stein, Anderson School District

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a13\)](#)

00:42:37 Carolyn Smillie, Montana Catholic Conference

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a14\)](#)

00:43:26 Lynn Hellenga, parent

[EXHIBIT\(edh35a15\)](#)

00:44:48 Red Menahan, self

00:46:37 Bruce Messinger, Helena School District

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:58 Rep. Everett
00:49:47 Mr. Messinger
00:51:01 Rep. Blasdel
00:51:28 Rep. Raser
00:52:04 Rep. Wilmer
00:52:33 Rep. Raser
00:53:28 Rep. Wilmer
00:53:48 Bud Williams, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:54:17 Rep. Cordier
00:55:15 Rep. Raser
00:55:39 Rep. Cordier
00:55:43 Mr. Williams
00:56:25 Rep. Cordier
00:56:40 Mr. Williams
00:56:48 Rep. Cordier
00:57:32 Rep. Raser
00:58:37 Rep. Lake
00:59:00 Rep. Raser

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:15 Rep. Raser

HEARING ON HB 525

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:03:14 Rep. Roger Koopman (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on
HB 525, Encourage intellectual diversity in university
system.

EXHIBIT(edh35a16)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:16:27 Anne Neal, American Council of Trustees and Alumni

EXHIBIT(edh35a17)

01:34:01 Paul Trout, Montana State University, Associate
Professor

01:42:11 Mike Kecskes, self

01:48:04 Anne Koopman, self

01:49:45 Rob Natelson, self

01:51:05 Betty Natelson, self

01:51:31 Kandi Matthew-Jenkins, mother

01:52:06 John Jenkins, self

Opponents' Testimony:

01:52:52 George Dennison, University of Montana

EXHIBIT (edh35a18)

01:59:33 Senator Tedee Cuomo, Montana State University- Billings
Senator

02:01:51 Sheila Stearns, Montana Board of Regents

02:06:56 Andrea Helley, Montana Associated Students, Associated
Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)

02:08:09 Shelly Tanskanen, Montana State University-Billings
student

02:09:17 Scott Martin, Montana State University-Billings,
Montana State University-Great Falls, Montana State
University-Northern

EXHIBIT (edh35a19)

EXHIBIT (edh35a20)

EXHIBIT (edh35a21)

02:12:16 Teresa Branch, University of Montana Student Affairs

02:19:49 Erik Schultz, ASUM Senator

02:21:20 Catherine Gainer, University of Montana student

02:21:59 Alexandria Campbell, University of Montana student

02:23:16 Denver Henderson, ASUM

02:26:13 Jennifer Donohue

EXHIBIT (edh35a22)

02:26:34 Ross Tangedal, ASUM

02:26:57 Mark Eggensperger, ASUM

02:27:30 Cole Arthen, ASUM

02:28:03 Jessica LaRoche, ASUM

EXHIBIT (edh35a23)

02:28:43 Cordin Britton, Montana State University professor

02:29:40 Curtis Smeby, ASUM

EXHIBIT (edh35a24)

EXHIBIT (edh35a25)

02:31:06 Robert Rydell, Montana State University professor

02:32:06 Brett Walker, Montana State University, Department of
History

02:33:30 Larry Strizich, Montana State Univeristy Faculty
Representatives

EXHIBIT (edh35a26)

02:33:53 Harold Kelly, University of Montana-Helena instructor

02:34:51 Jacob Childers, ASUM

02:35:27 Shannon Taylor, Montana State University, Faculty
Counsel

02:36:42 Cathy Day, ACLU

EXHIBIT (edh35a27)

02:36:57 Annie Glover, MEA-MFT

02:37:25 Lois Fitzpatrick, Montana Library Association, Carroll
College faculty

EXHIBIT (edh35a28)

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:38:13 Rep. Butcher
02:38:37 Ms. Neal
02:39:24 Rep. Wilmer
02:39:53 Mr. Arthen
02:40:24 Rep. Wilmer
02:40:58 Rep. Koopman
02:41:41 Rep. Wilmer
02:42:03 Rep. Koopman
02:42:41 Rep. Jore
02:43:12 Mr. Trout
02:45:12 Rep. Raser
02:45:38 Mr. Trout
02:46:15 Rep. Raser
02:47:46 Mr. Trout
02:49:02 Rep. Raser
02:49:43 Mr. Trout
02:50:56 Rep. Raser
02:51:07 Mr. Trout
02:51:19 Rep. Jore
02:51:28 Ms. Neal
02:53:36 Rep. Butcher
02:55:02 Mr. Trout
02:56:07 Rep. Butcher
02:57:10 Mr. Trout
02:59:13 Rep. Cordier
03:00:05 Mr. Martin
03:01:21 Rep. Wilmer
03:03:14 Ms. Neal
03:05:27 Rep. Wilmer
03:05:40 Ms. Neal

Closing by Sponsor:

03:06:45 Rep. Koopman

HEARING ON HB 404

Proponents' Testimony:

03:21:32 Candy Matthew-Jenkins, self
EXHIBIT (edh35a29)
03:29:22 Melissa Worthem, self

Additional Exhibits:

This document relates to HB 525 but was submitted after the conclusion of these minutes.

EXHIBIT (edh35a30)

ADJOURNMENT

03:30:04 Adjournment: 6:53 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DONCI BARDASH, Secretary

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